Renovation of Ancient Monuments in Orissa

*331. SMT. JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to renovate the ancient monuments and temples in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fund allocation made to Orissa for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) and (b) There are 72 centrally protected monuments in Orissa which are conserved by Archaeological Survey of India as per their actual need, based upon archaeological norms.

These monuments comprise temples, mosques, forts, caves, ancient bridges, excavated sites, stupas, monastries, rockout inscription, etc.

(c) An amoung of Rs. 75.10 Lakhs have been allocated for maintenance, upkeep, structural repair and environmental development of centrally protected monuments in Orissa for the year 1996-97.

Chairman of NBT

*332. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RECOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of individuals who have adorned the post of Chairman of the National Book Trust since its inception; and

(b) the mode followed for selecting the Chairman?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI):

(a) Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. (*See* below).

(b) The mode of selection for Chairman, NBT is by way of nomination by Minister for Human Resource Development, subject to the approval of Appointment Committee of the Cabinet.

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Names of the Chairman, National Book Trust, India since its inception.

S. No.	Name
1.	Dr. John Mathai
2.	Dr. C.D. Deshmukh
3.	Prof. G.C. Chatterjee
4.	Dr. B.V. Keskar
5.	Dr. S. Gopal
6.	Shri A. L. Dias
7.	Shri Krishna Kripalani
8.	Shri Anand Sarup
9.	Prof. U.K. Anantha Murthy
10.	Prof. Sukumar Azhicode
11.	Dr. Sumatheendra R. Nadig

Introduction of Direct trains from Madurai to Other Major Cities

*333. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to introduce direct trains from Madurai to Bombay, Delhi and Calcutta;

(b) whether Government are also considering to introduce a train like Shatabdi Express between Coimbatore and Madurai;

(c) if the answer to part (a) & (b) are in the negative, the reasons therefore; and

(d) whether any proposals have been received by Government for the trains under (a) and (b)?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints.

(d) Some representations have been received in this regard.

Agreement with USA on forestry Management

*344. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed any agreement in forestry management with the United States;